

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Humphris et al.

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**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Sir:

This Reply supplements the reply filed March 9, 2009 and responds to the Advisory Action dated April 14, 2009. Please charge deposit account 22-0493 with any deficiency in fees.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: